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IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND

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By (Inventors):

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| | Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted. |
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| \boxtimes | Priority of foreign application No. 2000-196051 filed June 29, 2000 in JAPAN and No. 2001-108353 filed |
| | <u>April 6, 2001</u> in <u>JAPAN</u> is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119). |
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